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SUBJECT: ADDRESSING IRAN AT THE JUNE IAEA BOG - FRANCE IS

THINKING ALONG THE SAME LINES

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Classified By: Acting Political Counselor Bruce Turner, Reason 1.4 B/D

- 11. (C) On June 8, we discussed upcoming IAEA BOG meeting with Nicolas Roche, MFA counselor working on Iran nonproliferation, and shared non-paper with U.S. suggestions for inclusion in National Statements at the BOG.
- 12. (C) Roche expressed appreciation for our reftel suggestions and noted that while the French approach for next week's BOG meeting in Vienna had not been finalized, the MFA was thinking along the same lines as the United States. France saw no need for an IAEA resolution and would proceed with the preparation of a National Statement.
- 13. (C) He noted, however, that this approach would be subject to review were Iran to formally reject the proposals on the table during the week that the BOG is meeting. Separately, Roche said the MFA also is doing some internal thinking on whether and how to formally inform BOG representatives of the proposals, without sharing a copy of text of the close-hold proposals, but drawing instead from the press statement issued in Vienna. France's Permanent Representative in Vienna likely would be consulting with us on this issue upon his return from Paris, Roche observed.

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